

23 July 1952



We have now completed the investigation occasioned by your letter of 18 July 1952 to General Smith, Director of Central Intelligence. Your indignation at the cancellation without advance notice of the program in which

_____ were participating is entirely understandable and General Smith has instructed me to thank you for calling this situation to his attention.

There has been an unfortunate series of mistakes in the handling of this matter within this Agency but no constructive purpose can be served by going over these errors now. Correspondence and conversations with the professors in question, which gave them every reason to assume their services would be required, were, in fact, unauthorized. The program was cancelled at the eleventh hour in a manner which certainly appears to be irresponsible.

The only justification that can be offered for the extremely late notice which the Agency gave to the prospective consultants is that it was better to keep them from coming to Washington than to bring them here with nothing to do.

On one aspect of this matter on which you speculate, I can give you positive and, I think, helpful assurance. Membership, or former membership, in the _____ in no sense disqualifies a scholar for CIA employment. We are well aware of the fact that most scholars in the Far East field are, or have at one time or another been, members of IPR, if for no other reason than, as you point out, to receive subscriptions to IPR publications.

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Very truly yours,

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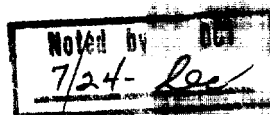
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL LITH

Mr. Hedden asked ~~that~~ the attached be shown
to you before it is ~~is~~ dispatched.

Good letter



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